# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMUNICATIONS
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U.S. ECHELON SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:**

(a) Whether the U.S.Echelon Surveillance System is capable of monitoring telephone, fax, E-Mail Communications relayed by Satellite anywhere;

(b)if so, whether the Indian Communications, business interests and security are exposed to risk and rendered vulnerable as a result thereof; and

(a) if so, the action taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government in this matter?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a), (b) & (c) Details about the existence of such a surveillance system are not available with the Ministry of Communications. However, concerned Ministries were addressed to furnish details , if available with them.